

1 ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

2 A hand-operated jointed control lever assembly that allows normal operation when
3 moved in a first direction by an operator's grip, but disjoins without breaking when moved
4 in other directions. The control lever naturally returns to its normal mode of operation when
5 the abnormal stressing forces of an accident or fall are removed from the lever. The lever
6 assembly has a lever body and a lever arm with respective mating fulcrum surfaces and a
7 tensioning cable passing through the fulcrum surfaces, with a tensioning spring exerting force
8 on the tensioning cable to draw the fulcrum surfaces together. The lever body has a
9 rearwardly-extending lip in engagement with a forward edge of the lever arm, allowing side-
10 to-side disjointed movement and outward disjointed movement opposite the first direction.